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NOT A ONE-MINE CAMP

THE discovery in the Brougner is wrought with great significance for the Divide district and for Tonopah as well. It proves that the new camp will not be a one-mine affair, such as rarely are of great or lasting consequences, no matter how rich the mine may be. The bringing in of the new orebody, or extension of the old, is proof conclusive that the mineralization is not restricted to a small acreage, although that was already shown by the Hasbrouck, and shown years ago. However, investors in Divide securities are eager, and reasonably so, to be shown that the district's enrichment is scattered, so that all may have a chance. Now they have the chance.

AND THE RATS CAME BACK

ALL the old desert rats are either back or coming back and their tails are standing straight up. The Tonopah of yesterday was rather somnolent, at least it had a drowsy feeling at times, particularly after meals. It casually glanced at the stock quotations and then returned to its newspaper. The monotony of the chorus of the mills aroused no enthusiasm. Declaration of dividends was accepted as a matter of course. Tonopah was in a rut, where the traveling was easy. When the production figures passed the hundred million dollar mark there was no public rejoicing and there were no fireworks burned up when the total of velvet money reached one-fourth the aforesaid sum.

It was all very well to bask in the sunshine of easy-going prosperity and there was no occasion to hurry. Tonopah had arrived and it had brought its trunk with it.

But such a state of affairs does not appeal to the desert rat. He wants something to be doing every minute. He demands that he be day all day in the daytime and decrees that there shall be no night. And when Tonopah settled down to a staid and respectable existence he had no more use for it than he would have for Philadelphia as an abiding place. That is why the desert rats deserted Tonopah.

And now they are back, busy with tongue and brain, anecdotal and laughing one minute and the next engaged in solemn pow-wow. It is a great life, if you don't weaken. It may be lived on a million dollars or a shoestring, for no one knows when the shoestring and the million dollars may change hands. This very uncertainty is a leveler of the desert rodent. So long as he plays the game square, or cleverly, and the two words are nearly synonymous in the mining lingo, a man's a man because of, or despite of, all that and all that.

The Divide strike brought the desert rodents back to Tonopah. They are a welcome bunch, even if they did boost Tonopah's cart of state out of the gentle ruts and cause it to hit the high places. These rats are the intermediaries between location stakes and home stakes. They lead the way to mint from muckheap. Shake hands, old timers. We wholeheartedly welcome you back.

NEVADA MAY SAVE THE DAY

WHAT do you think of it boys? It is no longer the cry of where do we go from here but making room for the rest of the country to come hither to find an abiding place where there will be peace and prosperity, happiness and contentment, a land flowing with milk punches and mint juleps, with an occasional jolt of forty rod just to let the bibulously inclined know what it is to have stuff with the right kind of a kick to it. This may be an optimistic departure from the dry laws which we have been told are to stay for good and aye. Nevertheless it is more likely to come to pass in this day and generation rather than that the dry laws placed on the statute books will be enforced a year from now. In sporting vernacular the man with the money will take the long end of the bet and, after giving the biggest kind of odds, rest assured that he is playing a sure thing. There is no more uncertainty about the action of the Nevada supreme court than there is about the result of any wise investment in Divide stocks. It is a sure winner, this wet doctrine which the lawyers have suddenly discovered and which, they say, they can make stick.

The facts in a nutshell are these: The dry amendment was not enrolled on the records of either the assembly or the senate and therefore there is no record of either house having passed the bill which threatens to choke to death the very men who tried to thrust it down the parched throats of all Nevada. The opinion requiring this action by the clerks of both houses was written by the greatest aggregation of jurists that ever occupied seats in a court of the United States. These men were the legal giants of their day and, without disparaging any of their successors, it is not uncomplimentary to state that there never has been a body of men whose opinions commanded the same respect and admiration. Hawley, Belknap and Leonard form the triumvirate which read this law into the books of Nevada which will wreck the hopes of the fanatics who took advantage of the boys in the army to enact such odious legislation as that which destroyed the business of hundreds of respectable citizens engaged in a perfectly legitimate calling. The ground taken by the Honorable Pat McCarran is not disputed as a condition and all that remains is for the supreme court of Nevada to reaffirm its previous ruling that constitutional amendments passed without going through the formality prescribed for the guidance of the lawmakers are null and void. So the glory of the prohibitionist passes away after a short-lived and bitter existence.

GIVING AID TO THE ENEMY

SAM BLYTHE is a notable writer. Notable is a well selected adjective in this usage. In personating the senator's secretary and in giving publicity to the lame duck he commanded close attention. His biographies in a certain magazine of widest circulation were clever analyses of character. No one on a world tour or a

trip across an alley could see more things or describe them better and his first installment of war sketches were read with avidity.

But the Bonanza hasn't liked the tone of Mr. Blythe's erudities of late. His pen is as facile as ever and his magazine still gives him first page prominence, yet back of the eye that follows the pen across the page there has developed a mission and aim that differ only in quality to those of the rankest Bolshevik. The very refinement and subtlety of Blythe's manner of expressing his aim and mission make it all the more dangerous. His "The Soldier in Politics" had a hidden, or screened motive that does not appeal to safe, sane, honest Americanism.

"Must a statesman be an ass?" inquires Savoyard, an anti-bellum Washington correspondent in an article in the New York World, insulting members of the senate who have been thinking for themselves on the scheme for a European alliance. Not necessarily, it may be answered, but an administration press agent has to be.

At the signing of the armistice the war department had on hand enough candles to keep a light going for 5250 years. Maybe with that many candles a nickel could be found that this administration has not spent a couple of times in the past four years.

FLUNKYS OUT OF THE RANKS FORECASTING FOR THE SHEEPMEN

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 15.—Demobilization is returning men servants to England in ever increasing numbers and the wealthy household has no difficulty now in hiring a butler, footman, groom, chauffeur or page-boy. The shortage of women servants, however, daily becomes more acute. Unlike the women, the men have no objection to returning to their old indoor domestic jobs. The reason, according to a West End employment agency manager, is that the male indoor servant is chosen mainly for decorative purposes—the women do the work.

Parlor maids are now demanding the salary of a trained typist. Some are highly particular about hours, quality of food and conditions of employment. One notified an agency she would work only from 9 to 5, with time off for meals.

It is said that the pre-war mistress is prepared now to be much more considerate of her servants than she was in the old days.

OLDEST EMPLOYEE OF POST OFFICE

(By Associated Press)

SALT LAKE CITY, March 15.—A Billings, known to Salt Lake post-office employees as "Uncle Josh," is considered to be the oldest employee of the postal service in the United States. He has served Uncle Sam for a period of 52 years and three months on March 2, 1919. He has served under ten different postmasters in Salt Lake and during his 52 years' service has lost only two weeks.

Billings first entered the mail service as a carrier of a paper route, the Daily Union Vedette, a publication issued at Fort Douglas, near here. He carried a rifle while delivering the paper, he explained, because the publisher of the paper and some of its subscribers frequently disagreed. In the early days the arrival of mail was an event, particularly during the winter, and when it did arrive it was wet and frozen. The pouch had to be placed against the stove to be thawed out and as the ice melted a letter would be released for some citizen of the community.

Much mail was lost after it left Salt Lake, Billings says, due to Indian raids. Billings has a remarkable memory despite his 84 years and he is called daily to fix definitely the date of some event of long ago which others have forgotten.

MAKE APPROPRIATION.

The assembly has passed an appropriation bill granting a fund of \$5,000 for the further investigation and prosecution of the Florio-ton paper company for pollution of the Truckee. This work was instituted by Attorney General Thatcher and will be continued by General Fowler. There has been an excellent start made and with the funds necessary at hand there is no reason to believe but that this outfit will be before the court within a short time.

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RUSSIA FEELS BITTER ABOUT LEAGUE NATIONS

(Correspondence, Associated Press)

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 4.—"The Russian nation follows with a harsh feeling of bitterness all the efforts for creating a league of nations," declares Dr. Vaela Girma, local member of the Czech national council. "It comprehends with difficulty how the allied democracies can entertain this noble but rather distant idea, and at the same time look quietly on what is transpiring in Russia," continued Dr. Girma.

"Russia today is in need of assistance. First of all she needs reorganization of her railroads. Nevertheless any form of assistance to Russia is imaginable only in conjunction with a military expedition which would be able to guarantee that the undertaking will not be destroyed by pernicious rebellions and disorders which have become chronic along the Siberian railroads.

"In order, however, that such military intervention and economic assistance shall succeed, it is necessary to carry it out according to a clearly defined plan, that is to say, the removal of the Bolshevik government from Russia, the re-establishment and maintenance of order and peace throughout the country up to the time when it will be possible for the Russian people to constitute for themselves, freely and without coercion, their desired form of government. Such allied intervention will be accepted with exultation and with full confidence by all notwithstanding its even more efficient interference with internal Russian affairs."

HAWAII ACTS ON DRY ENFORCEMENT

(By Mail)

HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 27.—In a partial report on the liquor question, the territorial grand jury declared its opposition to dual enforcement of the prohibition laws by federal and territorial officials. The report says federal authorities should take entire charge and that they "can easily handle the situation as soon as the department at Washington is able to give proper consideration to the situation in the territory."

Investigation has convinced the grand jury that under dual control, as at present, each set of officials relies largely on the other to enforce the prohibition laws.

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